

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the First Plymouth Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of First Plymouth Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (1,036) of these admissions reside in the First Plymouth Representative District. 2% (18) of admissions from the First Plymouth Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the First Plymouth Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 81% were male and 19% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 80% were white non-Latino, 9% were black non-Latino, 6% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 15% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 26% had less than high school education, 49% completed high school, and 25% had more than high school education.
- 30% were employed.
- 10% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the First Plymouth Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	55%	21%	11%	5%	2%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug use users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>First Plymouth Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	735	621	289	223	126	143	93
<b>FY '96</b>	822	652	309	239	144	171	130
<b>FY '97</b>	932	736	365	263	150	189	131
<b>FY '98</b>	1,015	793	328	260	141	209	142
<b>FY '99</b>	1,115	882	377	304	164	209	150
<b>FY '00</b>	1,056	788	316	261	135	232	163
<b>FY '01</b>	1,052	822	355	240	119	229	148
<b>FY '02</b>	1,036	756	320	226	104	251	181

### **Heroin and Injection Drug Use**

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the First Plymouth Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

